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1. Many divisions and departments of the new Klement Gottwald Metallurgical Works in Kuncice are still under construction and only the following are in operation at the present time: the main power plant (partial operation), the rolling mill which produces various sizes of steel tubes, the steel mill and blast furnaces which operate in three shifts.

2. The plant makes tubes of 20 centimeter diameter at the rate of seven freight-car loads during each 24-hour period. All of the tubes are marked for export to the USSR.

3. The power plant supplies electricity for all the divisions and departments in operation. Equipment for the power plant and transformer station was built by the Electrical Works in Prague. The plans for the complete electrical network are kept in the main office of the power plant and the key to this office is in the possession of Mr (fnu) Bradac, chief of the Electrical Works in Prague who is probably an engineer supervising plant construction workers. Coal is supplied by the OKD mines in Ostrava and water by the plant's own water works.

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4. The directorate is located within the plant and there are about 10,000 workers, including construction personnel, at the plant at the present time. only a small portion of the employees are Communist Party members as the majority is hostile to the Party and does not attend meetings. Although CP propaganda efforts which are broadcast over the plant's public address system are very strong, employees are highly dissatisfied and hope for an early change in the political situation. In May 1952 the explosion of a Martin furnace was explained as sabotage on the part of the employees.

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5. The plant has its own guard and workers' militia.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch of the new Klement Gottwald Metallurgical Works (NHKG) in Kuncice with Legend.

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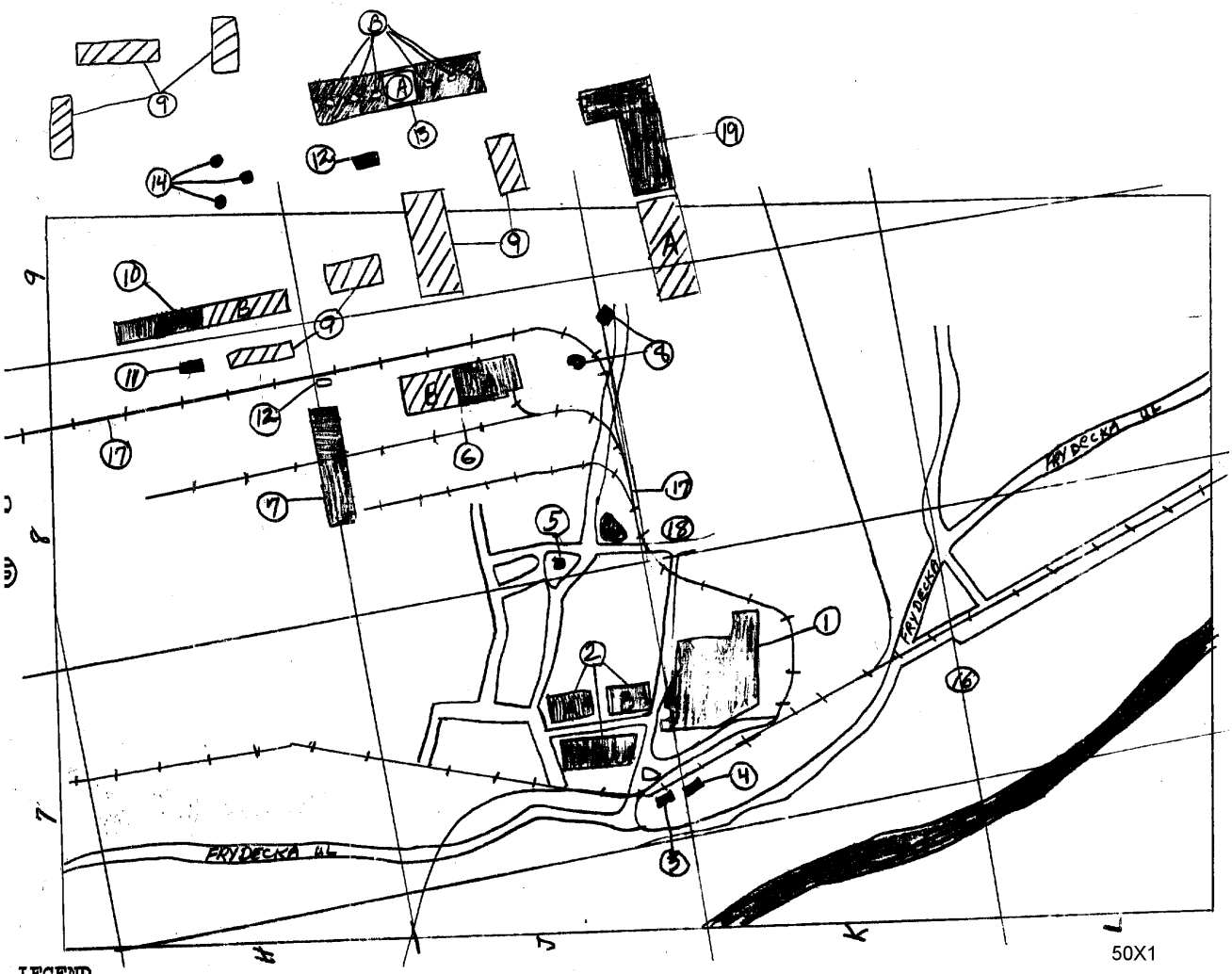
NEW METALLURGICAL WORKS OF KLEMENT GOTTWALD (NHKG) IN KUNCICE



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LEGEND

1..... Machinery division located in a number of buildings.

2..... Three blocks of wooden barracks,
(A) 30 one-story, tar-paper roofed barracks, 30x10 meters each.
(B) 30 barracks (same as A)
(C) 30 barracks (same as A)
These barracks accommodate employees of the plant, as well as administrative offices, workers' council and the police.

3..... Railway station of the Czechoslovak State Railroads in Kuncice. A part of this station has been built recently.

4..... Old railway station in Kuncice.

5..... Old flour mill.

6..... Main power plant.
(A) An eight-story concrete building, 200x150 meters, fully equipped.
(B) Ground work for new building, 200x150 meters.

7..... Rolling mill for the production of steel pipes. A concrete plant, 400x45x12 meters, in which steel tubes 20 meters long and 20 centimeters in diameter are produced.

8..... Two cooling towers, steel construction, 45 meters high and 30 meters wide.

9..... New buildings under construction. Many excavators at work.

10..... Steel mill.
(A) A concrete plant, 150x50x35 meters. Place of Martin furnace explosion on 1 May 52
(B) Ground work for new rolling mill, 150x35 meters.

11..... Transformer for rolling mill. A three-story brick building, 30x20 meters.

12..... Source of electric power for blast furnaces. A two-story concrete building, 30x20 meters

13..... Blast furnaces in use.
(A) Main blast furnace.
(B) Six other furnaces.

14..... Three steel towers, 40 meters high and 30 meters wide.

15..... A reservoir of steel construction, 8 meters high and 60 meters wide.

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LEGEND (CONTINUED)

16..... Main line of the Czechoslovak State Railroad.
17..... Newly built railroad track through the plant.
18..... New commuter railroad station.
19..... Three-story brick building, 400x100x100 meters.
(A) Ground work for a new building, 250x150 meters.

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note:

In the original text some buildings are described as "zdena"; they may mean that the building is made of bricks or concrete. This word is thus being translated into English as a brick-building" unless it seems to be more accurate to describe the building as a concrete building.]

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